

Dear FCC,

I am concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I wouldn't mind it if they showed balance by showing "Going Upriver" during the same time period, but doing otherwise reflects partisan politics on the part of the company, without paying any cost.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.